

Employment Outlook Seen Optimistic for Graduates

A feeling of optimism seems to be prevalent in employment circles concerning the 1950 college graduate, in line with a current upswing in employment trends. However, this optimism should not be interpreted as meaning that business permanently will be up or that jobs will be plentiful for years to come, according to George N. Leetch, director of the College Placement Service.

"I believe," Leetch said, "that every 1950 graduate will be able to find a job, perhaps not immediately, but at least by next Fall." Leetch bases this belief on an ever-increasing number of demands for job interviews coming into his office from major employers in the United States.

Surprises Observers

The existing conditions come as a great surprise to most observers. As recently as March, surveys stated that there would be as much as 30 per cent fewer technical people hired this year.

Coupled with the large graduating classes caused by the increased enrollment right after the war, this was taken to mean that there would be jobs for only a little over half the people looking for them.

Wrote To Leetch

Now, however, companies which had declared earlier that they wanted few if any graduates this year, have written to Leetch asking for more and more students to interview.

Leetch also pointed out that the College Placement Service is only a part of the whole employment picture. He cited as other methods used by graduates personal contacts, interviews through friends and professors, and the perhaps old-fashioned, but still effective, job application.

Delta Zeta

Delta Zeta recently pledged Judith Luceck, Margaret Meyers, Elizabeth Dahlinger, and Helen Lineaweaver.

H. Ec. Boasts Modern Bldg.

There's an unwritten law to the effect that classroom buildings shall be plain, functional, and generally uninviting. On this campus, however, the Home Economics building is an exception to that law.

Although it resembles other campus structures from the outside, the red-brick building has an unusually homelike interior. Just beyond the main entrance are rows of attractive plants leading to a fireplace complete with a supply of split logs. On the same floor is a living room, equipped with a piano and furnishings of modernistic design. The hallways are brightened by poster displays and colorful showcase exhibits.

Almost every corridor is filled with the aroma of cooking food or freshly baked pastry. If one decides to begin a search for the origin of the appetizing scent, he'll be led to the food and nutrition laboratories with their gleaming modern equipment. Here, girls in white uniforms learn techniques of preparing a variety of tasty dishes.

At this point, if one suddenly has become very hungry and meal time is near, he can descend the stairs and utilize the building's food service. The bottom floor features a cafeteria with one of its two wings furnished entirely with maple furniture and known, of course, as the Maple Room. Students take an active part in running the cafeteria as part of their training in home economics and hotel administration.

Speech Dept. Builds Radio Studio



—Staff Photo by Barto
Anne Zekauskas, William Schott, and Gloria Gallo are shown rehearsing in the new radio studio room being built in 304 Sparks. A double-glass window allows other students to watch the broadcast, which they hear through connecting loudspeakers.

Aided by the development of a broadcasting studio, the College soon will have one of the best radio speech courses in collegiate circles. Work on a new studio classroom in 304 Sparks rapidly is nearing completion, and the room will be ready for student use during the main Summer session.

The renovated classroom has all the appearances of a small radio station, and just as many modern instruments. Prof. Harold E. Nelson, in charge of radio speech classes, says the new room will provide complete practical experience for students interested in speech work.

Three Parts

The room is divided into three parts: the broadcasting room; a control room, with complete modern devices; and a waiting room, which will seat 40 persons. A large double window enables the audience to view the speakers, and voices will be transmitted throughout the three rooms by loudspeakers.

A series of switches in the control room will allow an instructor to monitor voices in the studio, and a telephone line to WMAJ will enable students to broadcast on WMAJ from the studio in Sparks. The whole room is sound-proof, and will have five microphones.

Can Use Earsets

A director in the control room will be able to give advice to speakers through the use of earsets which will not interfere with the broadcast.

Prof. Nelson, who came to the College three years ago, and had radio experience at WSUI, Iowa City, is proud of the room. "I am looking forward to utilizing this space, and hope to accomplish things which were impossible to do before," he said.

The speech department has also added a new television speech course. The course will include study of the differences between radio and television speech.

Trustees Establish \$25 Poultry Award

The College Board of Trustees has established an award of \$25 to be given annually to the junior or senior in the poultry husbandry curriculum at the college.

The award, named "The William and Edward Powers Poultry Club Award," was established by the William H. Powers family, of State College, and the Penn State Poultry Club, in memory of the late William and Edward Powers, sons of Mr. and Mrs. William Powers. William was a junior in poultry husbandry at the time of his death.

State Department Offers Research

Opportunities for American citizens to do advanced research in foreign lands during 1950-51, have been announced by the Department of State.

Robert E. Galbraith, advisor for the program at the College, said applications for positions must be filed not later than June 15, 1950. Awards are usually made for a period of one academic year and are limited to one country.

Benefits for the trip are paid entirely in foreign currency, but applicants are not required to know the language of the country for which they apply.

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